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BEYOND THE RUSH

My work, my books, my small affairs
Such urgent, pressing daily cares
Each new day brings;
So that my mind seems always filled
With trivial things.
Time is so short, God grant I find
Some quiet, and poise, and peace of mind.
And let me choose
The wisest things to do,
So that I glimpse beyond the rush of life
A purpose new.
And pause, when hurrying through each restless day,
To know if I am walking in God's way.

Mary Eversley.

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Sermon
on
"MY TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT THE PEOPLES CHURCH"
by
Dr. Preston Bradley
As delivered at The Peoples Church of Chicago,
Sunday morning, June 13th, 1937

Meditation

Infinite and Divine Life, words are unnecessary, phrases are hesitant. We find great difficulty in sufficiently incorporating into words the depth of our heart and feelings. And so we ask that Thou accept our silence, knowing with Thine understanding the words that our lips are denied. Thou understandest our heart. Looking into Thy great heart of love and with our minds clustered with the memories of the years, humbly—most humbly we would ask pardon for all the mistakes and failures while we dedicate ourselves anew to the tomorrow of our lives. With great tenderness and love the service draws to a close. We shall be separated for many weeks (perhaps there are some of us who may never know this place again), in the sacredness of this moment we would dedicate our all to the cause which we love.

Bless every one....everywhere ....Jew or Gentile....Catholic or Protestant....white or black ....learned or unlearned....rich or poor....every one. Bless all those who are ill, that dear friend who we saw only yesterday who is fighting the battle back to health and myriads of others....bless us all in the spirit of a beautiful prayer which for a long time we shall not have the opportunity of uniting with music and speech, that prayer which may well be called "Everyman's Prayer," and might we pray that way:
"Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
In earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day
Our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And leave us not in temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen."

The sermon this morning will be necessarily brief. I want to get the entire service, including the last hymn and the benediction, on the air; which means inasmuch as we leave Station WJJD at exactly 12:30 o'clock I must be brief in what I had planned to say to you. I am ready to confess that this vast congregation this morn-

ing would inspire me to talk for a long time, I will not allow myself to succumb to that temptation.

As you no doubt know, there are only two reasons why any preacher remains as pastor of one church for a period of twenty-five years. The first reason is this: he is such a bad **preacher** that he can't get a job anywhere else; and the other reason is, that he is such a **good** preacher that his church and congregation will not let him go! I am acquainted with numerous individuals in Chicago who believe that the **first** reason is the cause of my being in this pulpit for twenty-five years; however, perhaps there may be a few others who are of the opinion that perhaps the latter reason applies in my particular case!

Certainly on this occasion with the opportunity thus afforded there is a temptation for one to become historically-minded and go back over the past and think over for a few moments some of the things which have occurred during this quarter of a century in which pastor and people have worked together. Of course, it would be relatively easy for me to take the entire hour and a half of the service this morning in order to express my appreciation for the kindness that has been shown to me and for the encouragement which has been given to me throughout these twenty-five years of my life.

As I turned off the lamp in my study last night and lay in my bed pondering over the occurrences of the past quarter of a century and thinking also of the years which lie ahead, I could not help but wonder if anybody had ever been more blessed with the quality and number of friends that I have had throughout the years in the course of my labors as pastor of this church. When I think of our Board of Trustees, composed of a group of men all of whom have their own business interests and all of whom are possessed of varying qualities of leadership in their respective fields of activity, yet all of them primarily interested in the promulgation of the opportunity for free religion,—when I think of the hectic and difficult days through which we had to pass while this building was being erected and how we passed safely through various changing and serious periods of stress in the life of our people and of the world, I cannot help but marvel that during all these past years we have never had a serious misunderstanding.

True enough, there have been times I wanted **my own way**—and didn't get it, and there have been other occasions when **they** wanted **their own way**—and they didn't get it! How much trouble could be avoided in this world if we would only learn, more of us, not the art of compromising but the art of attempting to understand the other person's point of view and of trying to see a little more clearly just why they do and desire certain things. Therein lies the present tragedy of our entire labor situation, which is becoming increasingly serious in this country! When I read the dispatches telling of the things that are happening in many parts of my own native state of Michigan—numerous localities almost engaged in civil war—I cannot help but wonder what the end of it will finally be, for never have I seen or heard anything like the present conditions among a peace-loving community and among a group of men and women who have always possessed fine and noble characters.

Somebody in this world has to "give in" once in a while in order to have peace with the rest of us —somebody has to be willing not to get everything **they** demand in order to keep peace in society; One of the fundamental truths which I learned as a young minister many, many years ago was this: **that we all of us can't have** our own way all of the time! If we could apply this philosophy to

the whole problem of labor and capital in the United States, for instance, what a marvelous contribution it would be to the solution of the present-day controversies and what a sure way of doing away with the possibility of civil war amongst our people in various districts!

As I have already stated, there is a great temptation afforded me this morning of going back into the past and if I had the time at my disposal I should like to do just that. As I look out toward the audience today I can see quite a number of faces of men and women who heard the very first sermon I ever preached in the pulpit of the Peoples Church. The remarkable thing about the whole matter, as I think of these years from their point of view, is how they could possibly have borne so bravely all the preaching I have done—not so much my preaching of these latter years, for I have tried to improve right along as I got older, but that of my early sermonizing, for when I glance over some of the sermons which I delivered in my younger days I cannot help but marvel at the patience and endurance of these people. Certainly it is a sign of a unique strength and character on their part and not on mine.

About two years after I came into this pulpit the world began to smash up. For twenty-three years since 1914 my public work has been carried on in a crashing and drastically-changing world, wherein I have seen everything begin to crumble and in which there was a certain form of psychology created in the development of great mass movements that has driven those of us who have the responsibility of directing or influencing or molding public opinion to the slightest degree into a comprehension of the tremendous sense of responsibility that rests upon our shoulders.

Those things which have **not** changed in this ever-changing world are the only things in my heart that I want to give to you today. If they sound like the echoes of former sermons, then you will know it is because—with a persistency which will not be denied—I am increasingly holding to three great fundamental theses of my entire ministry. Whatever happens to a breaking and crumbling and crashing world....whatever happens to society....whatever happens to me, these three dominating, powerful imperatives which somewhere can be found, like golden threads hidden away in a most valuable fabric, interwoven in and out of every other thought or action which I express or do.

Never in the very midst of a clashing, smashing world have I ever admitted for one fraction of a moment to myself and to the highest and best self which I know any other idea or any other philosophy than that pertaining to the **sacredness** and **integrity** of human life! I mean **all** human life; I believe in the dignity and in the importance of man! I believe that every individual was designed by the directive intelligence of the cosmos to have a **specific part** in the destiny of the whole.

Therefore, to me every individual has always been significant; Those who sin and those who fail and those who have been defeated are also of extreme importance to me! I have never defied success and I have never worshipped power! I have always held and I hold persistently to the idea of the **worthwhileness** of each individual life! All humanity is my pulpit; All humanity is the sounding board back of which I have tried to give to a grating, crumbling world a deeper sensitiveness of human values! I am anchored to that idea! If each person in this vast world would only feel that his particular life is a **significant** thing upon this earth, we would all treat ourselves much better than we do as individual human beings!

I have held persistently to the idea of the dignity and importance of each individual life, and

I have tried to be so spacious and so inclusive in my understanding of the problems of humanity as to circumscribe every human heart. As I face the future today of what I hope will be twenty-five years more of work in this pulpit, I find no occasion to change that fundamental imperative of my life. Nothing which is happening anywhere in the world, either at home or abroad, is compelling me to **revamp** this first imperative of my life.

The second imperative which dominates my being just as strongly today as it did twenty-five years ago is that of being tolerant, and of being intolerant only of intolerance! I ask for myself nothing which I am not ready and willing to grant to another, and the **very basis** of intolerance is to be found in the violation of that principle!

Therefore, to the people of every creed I have never given (and I never shall give) one ounce of my energy to make it impossible for them to worship at the altar which satisfies their souls! To me all of the religions are good and all of the altars are holy! I may not bow at their altars, I may not accept their particular theology (which I certainly do not), but I have always been ready to fight for the right of others to bow at that altar which furnishes them with the most satisfactory sustenance for their souls! And in the name of that same tolerance, I demand that others allow me to worship at the altar which I choose for myself. And so this second imperative continues to persist as we enter the future together. No matter what happens to the various religions, be it that of the Lutherans, or that of the Catholics, or that of the Presbyterians, or that of the Jews, that fundamental attitude shall remain an imperative of my life as long as it lasts!

There is the third and final imperative which, in the narrow limitations of a few minutes, I can only intimate rather than successfully exhaust as we face the next twenty-five years together. And we are going to have twenty-five additional years together, I hope. Why, after adding twenty-five more years to my present age, I shall still have twenty-three more years to go to **catch up** with my excellent friend, Mr. Rollin B. Organ, who read Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" for us on Memorial Sunday. Therefore, I can't see why we shouldn't all of us have another quarter of a century together in the work of this church. Of course, my bald spot will be a **good deal larger** than it is at the present time, and I hope the good Lord will permit me to still retain at any rate two of my teeth—and I shall be unusually grateful if he will also permit those two teeth to contact. That will help immensely.

Nevertheless, as we look into the future of the next twenty-five years of our association together, you will discover this fundamental ideal quite often. After all, every preacher has only one sermon. Every sermon which a man preaches only reveals **one dominating motif** of the life. Everything a preacher says is only a self-revelation of his dominating life theme. This is true as in the case of a beautiful piece of music, wherein you will find the dominating motif of the composer running through it everywhere. Though it may change tempo, though it may change in key, yet throughout the entire selection the composer is ever faithful to his theme, and the violation of good composing would be a desertion of the development of the writer's theme.

Those of you who have listened to me speak in the past, as well as those of you who will hear me preach in the tomorrow of future years (which I hope will be spared to me) have always found and will continue to find the same theme, the same dominating motif, running through all that I have to say. What is it? The absolute conviction, the undisturb-

ed devotion to an ideal which, in spite of everything to the world or to me, inherently and basically and fundamentally asserts that humanity, by the very nature of humanity's relationship to the divinity of all creation, will some day find a way to make **this world** the kingdom of God and to bring into execution the brotherhood of man and the parliament of the nations.

Nothing that is today happening in Germany frightens that confidence out of my mind. Nothing that is taking place in Soviet Russia, nothing that is occurring in Fascist Italy, nothing that is happening in the State of Michigan, nothing that is going on anywhere in the world at the present time can possibly defeat my confidence that in humanity there is the potentiality for Peace—Brotherhood—Prosperity—for a world of progress where the arts shall once again feed the soul.... and where toil shall be available and honorable....where governments will be designed for the benefit of the governed. . .and where the totalitarian philosophy of government shall no longer exist. I see humanity through the years and on the march, and in the next twenty-five years, if we are privileged to be together, you will find that at the end of a quarter of a century my hopes, my confidences and my desires will be realized.

Therefore, standing as I have stood in the past on all controversial questions .... making friends and winning enemies.... I see the myriads who have come and gone within these walls, lives that we have touched and have passed through and out of .... hearts with whom we have wept ....hearts with whom we have been glad....anger softened sometimes into pity. As I look back upon all the years of the past, the deepest sorrow that I feel is that created by my own incompetency to meet all the demands which have been placed against me. There are over two hundred letters on my study desk this very day and every one of them a trouble letter. Unemployment—anxieties— difficulties and misfortunes everywhere. The many demands which have been placed upon me during the years have often been more than I could ever possibly meet, for I am not a miracle man. There have been countless challenges brought before me which I couldn't satisfactorily meet. In this fact lies the saddest part of it all to me. that I have on so many occasions been unable to meet the demands placed upon my shoulders by those who needed help. I ask the forgiveness of those whom I have thus failed. And as we face the future, let us dedicate ourselves afresh to the fundamental ideals upon which our church is founded ! ! !

AN APPRECIATION

My 25th year as pastor of the Peoples Church of Chicago has come to a close. Seated at my desk in the little one-room study here on Black Duck Island on beautiful Lake Vermilion in northern Minnesota I never coveted more the ability to express adequately the feelings in my heart as I think of the many friends, members and radio listeners who have given so unselfishly of their time and sustenance. If it were humanly possible I should like to thank each one personally—Obviously this is impossible. I am writing these words in the hope that many to whom I am obligated deeply will read them and know that my heart is overflowing with gratitude for everything they have done.

The memory of our 25th annual banquet will glow with increasing inspiration as the years go by. In every moment of despair and discouragement the recollection of that evening will drive every doubt and fear away.

The anniversary as observed on the closing Sunday of church for the summer was a conclusion of the 25 years which will become

an indelible experience of my life. Never did the church look more beautiful with floral decorations. The pulpit was islanded in a bower of peonies which extended the full length of the rostrum. The congregation completely filled the auditorium. A large class of new members was publicly received and eleven babies were dedicated at the new Dedication Font presented to the church by a member of our board —Mr. C. K. Anderson in honor of his grandchildren. It was appropriate that the new font should be dedicated by the Dedication of Charles Edgar Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder, and grandson of the donor. The Font was especially designed for our church and is an exquisite piece of beautifully carved wood. Design and color harmonize with our church interior.

Hundreds of radio friends took advantage of the perfect June day and motored in to the services from places as remote from Chicago as Peoria and Milwaukee The sermon which I delivered is published in full elsewhere in this issue.

Telegrams, which arrived for the annual banquet and the anniversary service, were received from near and far. All will be carefully preserved and as the years pass will be read again and again as pleasant reminders of the friendships of these years.

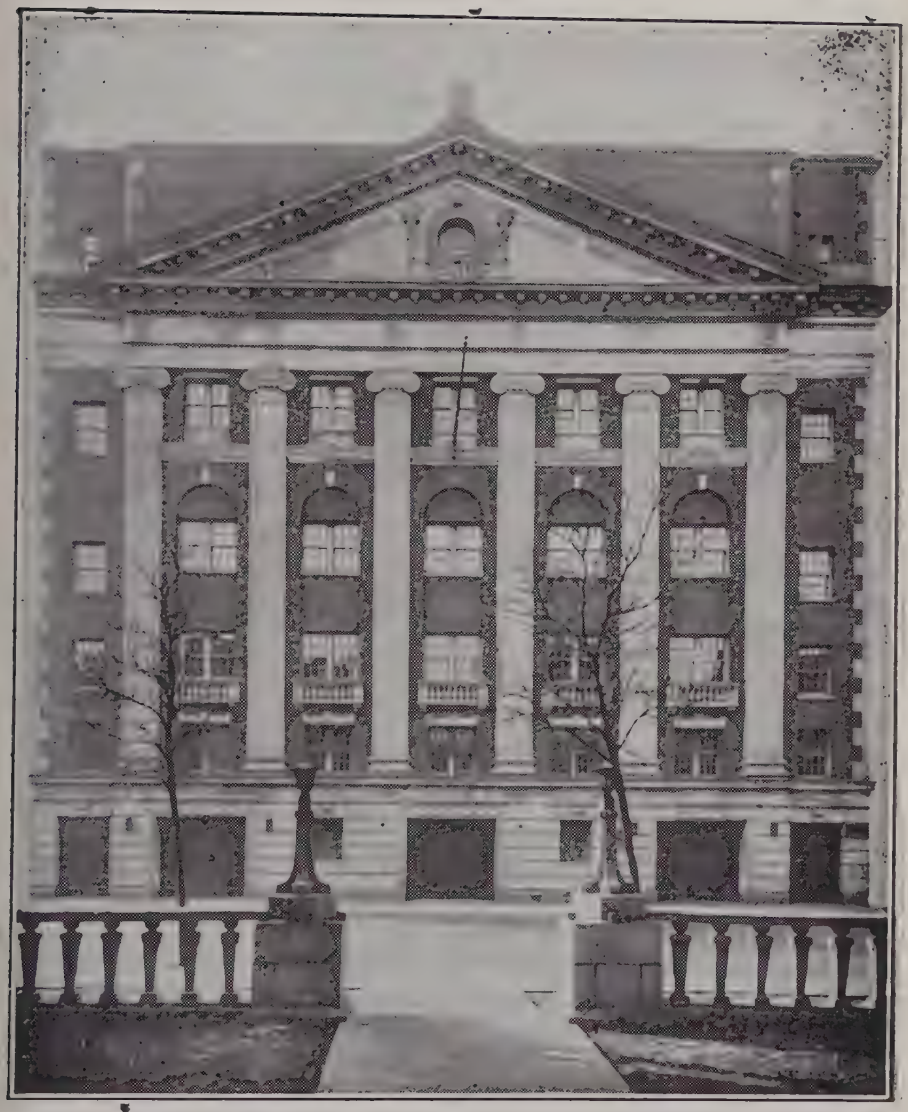
The list would be too long for publication but I cannot refrain from mentioning some who sent expressions of felicitation. Whether we are with him or opposed to him the church is honored which receives recognition from a President of the United States and such Mr. Roosevelt gave us in a telegram from the White House. Dr. Louis Cornish, President of the American Unitarian Association, Dr. Edgar De Witt Jones, President Federal Council of Churches in America, Rev. Henry Clark, Dr. Louis Perez, chancellor Spanish Consulate. a round-robin telegram from citizens of Tower, Minnesota, Rev. Herbert Barnes, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, Dr. Arthur Agnew, Belfast, Ireland, the Rev. R. Nicol Cross, Belfast, Dr. Mortimer Rowe, for the British Unitarians, Rev. John McCleery, of Newry, Ireland, a round-robin with nearly 800 names of my home folk at Linden, Michigan, Letitia R. Myles, for the Illinois State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Cirlin, U. S. Senator James Hamilton Lewis, S. J. Duncan-Clark, Gov. Henry Horner and many others. To have the respect and well-wishes of people like these only deepens my sense of responsibility and impresses my spirit with the sense of always being worthy of such confidence and loyalty.

As I pronounced the words of benediction on our closing Sunday of my 25th year my feelings were indescribable. I paused a moment after the final word and looked at that great congregation with a mingled feeling of tears and joy.

After the service I remained in the church for an hour and a half saying "good bye" to all who gave the opportunity in coming to the vestry steps. Our paths then separated. Many miles of sea and land will be between us during these summer months. But it is my fervent prayer that on our opening Sunday in September we shall all meet again to face together the next twenty-five years.

What will happen to us and this unsteady tremulous world none can conjecture but let us be prepared for whatever is in the lap of the Gods, with stout hearts, high ideals, noble thinking and an undying love for all mankind. With these for our objectives we are prepared to meet whatever is to be found at the "turn of the road."

—Preston Bradley.



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THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The calendar of the Woman's Club closed with the "Presidents Day Breakfast" at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in the Michigan room. Unfortunately this very special occasion conflicted with dates of the state Federation convention being held in Peoria, and Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Hermsdorf had necessarily left for that city, Mrs. Pape followed later in the day. Mrs. French could not attend the Breakfast because of illness, Mrs. Fuchs who no longer lives in Chicago was invited but could not accept. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Pape were the only presidents—past and present— in attendance. However there was a large number of members who sat down to a very delicious luncheon —for some unknown reason called a "breakfast!" Honorary president, Mrs. Bradley and Dr. Bradley sat at the speakers table with the officers and board members. After the musical program which was furnished by the Chicago Musical College, Mrs. Pape made a gracious address thanking the members for their help and cooperation during the year; she then introduced Mrs. Roberts who made brief remarks fitting the occasion in her own genial way. Mrs. Bradley spoke reminiscently of "Past Presidents," specially honoring those who have passed on, their work living after them. Then Dr. Bradley was presented as the speaker of the day. As usual he brought to all listeners tears and laughter, gratitude for the past and high hopes for the future of the club and the church.

This affair in compliment to the president and past presidents lovely tho' it was, was greatly over-shadowed by the death of a dear and loyal member, Mrs. Sollitt of 3750 N. Lowell Avenue. Her funeral was held late that afternoon so that the members of the club could attend. Mrs. Sollitt's very thoughtful daughters insisted the Presidents Day be held as scheduled as their mother would not want any change made in the plans. Indeed she had expected to attend this presidents Breakfast and looked forward happily to it, only two days earlier death came very suddenly due to a heart condition which for some time had kept her from attending club meetings as regularly as she would have liked to. Mrs. Sollitt will be missed and remembered by all who knew her for her great kindly heart.

At this meeting plans were completed for a club outing. Club members were invited to be the guests of Mrs. Handelain at Long Lake on May 17th. Mrs. Lee announced a card party to be held at her home, on the lawn, (weather permitting,) June 17. These will be the only Club events thus far announced for the summer.

25TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET FELICITATIONS

In the next few numbers we will publish extracts from the addresses delivered at our 25th annual banquet. The first installment follows:

Edward J. Kelly, Mayor—City of Chicago—said in part:

This evening all of you are assembled here with the one thought in mind: that you love Dr. Bradley. You do not love him just because he happens to be a man; you love him for what he means and for what he has done for you and for me and for this great city. In almost every civic movement which has been started Dr. Bradley has had his shoulder to the wheel. In everything which was good for humankind Dr. Bradley has tried to be of some assistance. In many of those things which have gone toward the improvement of this nation in general Dr. Bradley's voice has been at the beck and call of those who were in command. Therefore we of the City of Chicago are mighty proud that so many of you who are intimately acquainted with him should do honor to him on this occasion.

I am not only happy to be here tonight as Mayor of the city and representative of the peolpe of Chicago, but I am likewise glad to be here as an individual who has known Dr. Bradley as a friend for more than twenty years, during all of which time my contacts with him have ever been of a most pleasant nature! I have always known him as a person whose thoughts are sincere and honest ....who thinks straight and who never entertained a dishonest idea in his mind....who is continually imbued with the spirit of wishing to do things for others ....who has always tried his best to build up the general mental processes of the public....who has always attempted to assist individuals to so build up their lives that, when the time comes for him to leave this earth, he can do so with the satisfactory feeling that he has done as good a job as he knew how....who has never done anything because of the benefit which might accrue to himself but only because he has always felt that he was his brother's keeper....who has proven himself ardently and honestly a citizen not of Chicago alone and not of the State of Illinois alone but of the whole United States, and indeed of the world! All of us who are gathered here tonight, regardless of race or religion or creed or color, as American citizens exclaim: "Our hats are off to Dr. Preston Bradley, and we are glad to have him as a leading speaker on the radio and that he is able to contact with people in all directions!" Regardless of whatever our individual declaration of religious belief happens to be, we owe him a deep debt of gratitude, and I would like to express this feeling in these few words I have spoken for all the people of Chicago! !

Mr. Lewis Bernays, British Consul-General

I have attended many a testimonial function, yet I have never seen (if you will allow me to use the term, as I mean to do so kindly) a "mob" like this! One chap once wanted to be a bit unpleasant to a certain distinguished acquaintance of his and said to him:: "You know, I don't think your name will ever be inscribed in the halls of fame." To which remark his friend replied: "Maybe it won't, but I would much rather that people asked why it **wasn't** there than they should ask why it was there" Now, I'll admit that I'm not quite certain where these halls of fame are located wherein the names of our modern great are to be inscribed, but I believe that Dr. Preston Bradley will need no assurance that **his** name is at least inscribed in the hearts of fifteen hundred persons present here this evening —and I am wondering in how many more thousands of hearts his name is inscribed which belong to those who couldn't find it possible to attend this affair in person. What a wonderful thought that is!

I hope you will allow me to digress for a moment and to give Dr. Bradley himself a rest for a little while. I wish to pay tribute at this time, not to Dr. Bradley nor even to Mrs. Bradley (before whom I bow), but to the individuals who **selected** Dr. Bradley as pastor for the Peoples Church of Chicago when it was first founded. We mustn't forget them. Now, I don't know whether Dr. Bradley has a "call!" Well, if he had a "call," then I salute in my mind's eye the men and women who sent for him; and if he didn't have a "call," then his achievement is that much more remarkable and that much more to his credit in that he had the initial thought and the initial message to proclaim and started out to proclaim it! Whichever was the case, Dr. Bradley, I salute the **initial start** of this great church of yours!

When I was home on leave about two years ago, I heard that Dr. Bradley was to preach in London. I told my mother about this

excellent man and about his great church and also told her what a joy it was for me when in Chicago on those Sundays when I could not attend his church in person, to tune in on the radio and listen to his sermons. She said that she would like to see and hear a man whose creed began with the words: "I believe in the beauty of tolerance." So we started out one Sunday morning to hear him preach at the Rosehill Chapel of Hampstead. I really don't know whether I should say this, but I'm sure that Dr. Bradley's audience would grow in England, if he would only stay among us, to as great an extent as they have grown in this country. He would find it necessary to build a Peoples Church as large as the present one in Chicago, if he would only come and speak to us more frequently in London.

Whether Dr. Bradley will approve of what I am now going to say I do not know, but I have an idea that he is just as much English (if we were to ask him about his ancestry) as a great Englishman about whom he preached on January 31st, of this year and about whom he has spoken many times during the years of his ministry, none other than Thomas Paine. The latter's thought and writings did much to **spread the light** for us in England and to liberate the thought of the British colonials in this country. Paine was one of the great thinkers who **prepared the way** for your own self government. One Sunday morning while motoring to South Bend, Indiana for a distance of about one hundred miles, Dr. Bradley's voice followed me, and every word seemed right (as it always does) and most pleasing to me as I heard him pay tribute to the greatness of Thomas Paine. As an Englishman, I believe I am justified in taking a certain unction to my soul by felicitating those of you who have chosen this fine fellow, descendent of British families, exemplar of British and American thought at its highest and best!

I had always thought, Dr. Bradley, that it was necessary for one to pass on from this earthly scene before he heard such things said about him as you have been hearing this evening—and most of us really have to do that before we can be sure of such an experience! I could stand here and speak to you for hours about the life and personality of the man whom we are honoring tonight, but I have seen the list of speakers who are to follow me and so I shall come to a hasty conclusion.

Dr. Louis L. Mann, Rabbi of SINAI TEMPLE, CHICAGO
Exerpts from His Speech

We are assembled here this evening to say publicly what so many of us have said a thousand and one times privately in order to show the admiration and the esteem which we have for a most distinguished leader, not only in Chicago and in Illinois but throughout the entire United States. When he went to London a year or two ago, he represented us as we were proud to be represented abroad: with culture and with honor and with distinction.

He was **the** man to have written a book on courage, because he has **that kind** of courage! We honor him, my friends, because of his deep and abiding faith in humanity! To him "a man is a man for a' that!" the artificial, arbitrary man-made distinctions which so frequently are allowed to **divide** man from his fellow men mean nothing to him, for he **always** sees the God-made resemblances which should **unite** man to his fellow men!

His religion is dynamic, not static! When one hears Bradley preach, it isn't ancient history and it isn't theology; it is rather something dynamic and virile which you and I can put into practice that very hour and that very day and find ourselves much the better for it!

I have always admired him

from the depths of my heart because he will not let the dead command! He does **not** believe that the dead hand of the past should stretch forth its bony fingers to clutch the living present by the throat to the point of strangulation! He does **not** believe that the **living dogmas of the dead** should become the **dead dogmas of the living!** He does **not** promise individuals golden staircases in the hereafter and remain silent for those who never see any gold on this earth and who are continually being exploited and crushed by those above them! He as much as any man in this city has preached against the blight of institutionalism when the spark of the founders no longer sets aglow the hearts of the followers! As much as any man in this community he has preached against the blight of denominationalism, the multiplying of denomination against denomination, thus making differences which are arbitrary and artificial while overlooking **those great challenges of humanity which we must all face together!**

Then, too if there is one thing above all others for which I have admired him, it has been for his courage! In no uncertain terms, when it was popular to do so or not (that made no difference to him), he has repeatedly stated that war is something damnable and that religious individuals cannot compromise on the war question! Many pepole do not like him for what he has had to say on that theme! He has also had something to say about munition makers, and about lying diplomats, and about a thousand and one other forces which make for that "catastrophic something" which, if it comes again (as it now threatens to come again), may be the undoing of the world!

In high places and in low he has challenged those who would grind little children to the dust by that damnable something called "child labor!" I have heard him (as you have too), in season and out of season, as he raised his voice against civic corruption, because of which he has received threatening letters again and again, but Bradley knows no fear and Bradley marches on! He has spoken about the slums and against the blood money of those who profit through the exploitation of their fellow men!

Personally (and I do not say this because I am a Jew), I believe that the entire community ought to do honor to Preston Bradley because of the manner in which he has faced the spectre of Fascism and called it by its proper name! If there is one thing above every other which ought to be written on his tombstone some day (I hope it will be at least fifty years before that time comes), it ought to be a statement to the effect that Hitler wouldn't permit Bradley to enter Germany last summer! The German war office knows well what Bradley has said about "the bottomless pit of degradation" to which Fascism can plunge human beings! Nor was Bradley silent when Japan took Manchukuo away from China or when Mussolini stole Ethiopia!

Is it any wonder, then, with some one so much alive and vital that thousands of individuals who otherwise would be "unchurched" are proud to say that they are members of the Peoples Church of Chicago? It has become the "Peoples Church" because Bradley has taught, in season and out of season, that you cannot honor God, whom you **cannot** see, unless and until you honor man, whom you **can** see! I admire Bradley for the friends that he has made! What a wonderful thing it is to look out upon such a large gathering as this, composed of men and women from all walks of life, rich and poor, in professions and in common occupations, all of them bound together by their admiration for this one great man! Even as I admire Bradley for the friends that he has made, so I admire him **even more** for the

enemies that he has made! If there weren't so many other speakers to follow me and if my time weren't so limited, I would have liked to enumerate some of the many enemies whom he has created for himself, and if you think that Bradley is on a pedestal, you would really learn to know what kind of a pedestal he is on were you to discover **who** his enemies are and **why** they disliked him!

I am reminded at the moment of that remarkable drama, "Nathan the Wise" written by Lessing, the greatest Christian intellect of the 18th century. In this play a Jew who picks up a little waif, brings her into his home and has her reared to glorious womanhood as a Christian because she was born a Christian. Later on, when she falls in love with a Christian and her lover hears of the Jew's magnanimity, the latter rushes over to the Jew's house and says to him: "Nathan, you are a true Christian"; to which Nathan answers calmly: "My friend, what makes me to you a Christian, makes you to me a Jew!" Righteousness is non-sectarian! No man's creed is wrong whose deed is right! Preston Bradley, what makes you to me a Christian makes me to you a Jew!

May I say in conclusion that it is a most treasured privilege for my wife and myself to share in these festivities. What other minister in the City of Chicago could have such a great audience pour out to do him homage? He is the one and only inimitable Preston Bradley. Might I close by invoking upon my colleague and my friend (I shall do this in the original Hebrew, since Hitler doesn't like him anyway!) a twofold benediction: the first one taken from the Psalms, "May you go on, dear Preston, from strength to strength!"—and the other taken from the Talmud, the post-Biblical literature of the Jews, "May you thus continue to serve even unto your hundredth year!"

PASTOR'S CALENDAR

Preston Bradley kept the following engagements in May:

2—Sermon, Peoples Church
2—Address, Unitarian Church, Hobart, Ind.
3—Address, Men's Association Dinner St. Bartholomew's Church
4—Luncheon Address, Conference of Club Presidents and Program Chairmen
4—Address, First Presbyterian Church, Mendota, Ill.
5—Address, Central High School Auditorium, Kenosha, Wis.
6—High School Commencement, Spencer, Ind.
7—Address, Masonic Temple, Manitowoc, Wis.
9—Sermon, Peoples Church
9—Sermon, Warren Avenue Congregational Church
10—Address, Women's Club of the Peoples Church
10—Meeting, Board of Trustees, Peoples Church
11—Address, Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs — State Convention, Peoria, Ill.
12—Address, Carbondale State Teachers College
12—Banquet, Carbondale State Teachers College
13—Address, Bryn Mawr Community Church
14—Address, Edison Park M. E. Church
16—Sermon, Peoples Church
16—Sermon, Assyrian Congregational Church
17—Address, Third Unitarian Church
17—Address, Young Peoples Club Peoples Church
18—Address, Northwestern Veterans Association
19—Address, DeKalb State Teachers College Chapel
19—Address, Clarence Eddy Memorial, Kimball Hall
20—Address, Boulevard Lodge No. 882
21—Address, Elks Temple, Huntington, Ind.
21—High School Commencement, Huntington, Ind.
23—Sermon, Peoples Church

23—Address, Forest Home Cemetery
24—Tower, Minn.
25—Tower, Minn.
26—Tower, Minn.
27—Tower, Minn.
28—Tower, Minn.
29—Sermon, Peoples Church
31—High School Commencement, Sheridan, Ill.

FUNERALS

1—Mr. James Jeans. Interment, Rosehill
5—Mrs. W. C. Welton. Interment, Graceland
10—Mrs. J. William Greeneltack. Interment, Memorial Park
10—Mrs. Ella M. Sollitt. Interment, Acacia Park

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